



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 259

LCO No. 771

Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:
SEN. COOK, 18th Dist.

**AN ACT CREATING A SMALL BUSINESS OFFICE WITHIN THE
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the appropriation to the Department of Economic and
- 2 Community Development in the Governor's proposed budget for fiscal
- 3 year 2005 for Other Current Expenses be increased by \$100,000 for the
- 4 purpose of establishing a small business office within the department
- 5 to act as a clearinghouse for Connecticut small businesses and to assist
- 6 entrepreneurs as they navigate various regional, state and federal
- 7 assistance programs aimed at increasing the success of Connecticut
- 8 small businesses.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a small business office within the Department of Economic and Community Development.